

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Support for new claim 15 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, in original claim 10 (10/3/2/1).

I. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner states that claim 6 is unclear and requests clarification of the relationship between the alcohol and the solvent. The Examiner also states that the wording of claim 11 is awkward and unclear.

Claim 6 is amended to state that the alcohol is at least one selected from consisting of methanol and ethanol. Claim 11 is cancelled. Further, Applicants' claims 1-3, 6 and 10 have been amended for clarity.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. The Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the Abstract. Specifically, the Examiner states that the two formulae need to be inserted.

The Abstract is amended for clarity, including adding the two formulae. It is respectfully submitted that the Abstract fully complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b) and it is requested that the objection to the Abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Clarification of the Claim to Foreign Priority

The Examiner notes that the “Declaration for U.S. Patent Application” lists three Japanese applications, but that the Declaration states that priority is not claimed to any of the three foreign applications. The Examiner also notes that Applicants submitted, on the same day that the Declaration was submitted, a claim for priority for two applications (one of which is outside the 1 year period), along with the certified copies of the two priority documents.

The Examiner requests clarification.

The “Declaration for U.S. Patent Application” is correct. Applicants are not claiming benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 to any foreign filed applications.

The Official Filing receipt dated March 23, 2005 does not list any “domestic priority data as claimed by applicant. Therefore, it is believed that the USPTO records are correct and no further action is need by Applicants.

IV. Conclusion

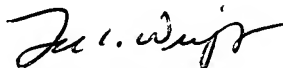
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Application No. 10/808,600

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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